

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An outdoor illumination apparatus, comprising:
 - 5 a housing;
 - a speaker mounted in the housing; and
 - a lamp mounted in the housing, the housing including a plurality of outwardly extending fins, the fins positioned to direct sound and light from the housing through the fins.
- 10 2. An outdoor illumination apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the housing includes an upper portion and a lower portion, and wherein the speaker is positioned in the lower portion and the lamp is positioned in the upper portion.
- 15 3. An outdoor illumination apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising an acoustic reflector mounted in the lower portion of the housing.
4. An outdoor illumination apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the acoustic reflector is generally cone-shaped, and wherein the speaker is positioned above 20 the acoustic reflector.
5. An outdoor illumination apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of fins extend circumferentially about the housing.
- 25 6. An outdoor illumination apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a base positioned to support the housing over a surface.

7. An outdoor illumination apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the base includes an electrical terminal for providing power to the speaker.

5 8. An outdoor illumination apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the speaker has a front and a rear, and wherein the rear of the speaker is located in a substantially enclosed chamber.

9. A sound and light apparatus, comprising:
a housing including a plurality of fins that project outward from the housing;
a speaker located within the housing; and
a light located within the housing.

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10. A sound and light apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the plurality of fins are positioned to direct sound and light from the housing through the fins.

11. A sound and light apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the housing 10 includes an upper portion and a lower portion, and wherein the speaker is positioned in the lower portion and the light is positioned in the upper portion.

12. A sound and light apparatus according to claim 11, further comprising an acoustic reflector mounted in the lower portion of the housing.

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13. A sound and light apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the acoustic reflector is generally cone-shaped, and wherein the speaker is positioned above the acoustic reflector.

20 14. A sound and light apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the plurality of fins extend circumferentially about the housing.

15. A sound and light apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising a base positioned to support the housing over a surface.

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16. A sound and light apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the base includes an electrical terminal for providing power to the speaker.

17. A sound and light apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the speaker has a front and a rear, and wherein the rear of the speaker is located in a substantially enclosed chamber.

18. A combination illumination and sound apparatus, comprising:

a housing;

a speaker mounted in the housing; and

a lamp mounted in the housing, the housing including a plurality of fins positioned

5 to direct at least one of sound and light from the housing through the fins.

19. A combination illumination and sound apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the housing includes an upper portion and a lower portion, and wherein the speaker is positioned in the lower portion and the lamp is positioned in the upper portion.

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20. A combination illumination and sound apparatus according to claim 18, further comprising an acoustic reflector mounted in the lower portion of the housing.

21. A combination illumination and sound apparatus according to claim 20, wherein the acoustic reflector is generally cone-shaped, and wherein the speaker is positioned above the acoustic reflector.

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22. A combination illumination and sound apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the plurality of fins extend circumferentially about the housing.

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23. A combination illumination and sound apparatus according to claim 18, further comprising a base to support the housing over a surface.

24. A combination illumination and sound apparatus according to claim 23,

25 further comprising a transformer mounted in the base.

25. A combination illumination and sound apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the base includes an electrical terminal that connects to at least one additional combination illumination and sound system to define a multi-speaker sound system.

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26. A combination illumination and sound apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the speaker has a front and a rear, and wherein the rear of the speaker is located in a substantially enclosed chamber.

10 27. A combination illumination and sound apparatus according to claim 18, further comprising a controller coupled to the speaker, the controller remotely located from the housing.

15 28. A combination illumination and sound apparatus according to claim 25, further comprising a controller coupled to the system, wherein the controller controls the sound produced by the speaker at least partially independently of at least one additional combination illumination and sound system.

29. An outdoor entertainment system, comprising:
a plurality of sound and light apparatuses, each apparatus including
a housing,
a speaker mounted and located within the housing, and
5 a lamp mounted and located within the housing; and
an electronic controller coupled to the plurality of sound and light apparatuses, at
least one of the speakers separately controllable by the electronic controller to
produce different sound than at least one other speaker in the system, each housing
including an electrical terminal operable to connect to another sound and light
10 apparatus.

30. An outdoor entertainment system according to claim 29, further comprising
a base to support each housing over a surface.

15 31. An outdoor entertainment system according to claim 30, further comprising
a transformer mounted in each base.

32. An outdoor entertainment system according to claim 30, wherein the
controller is remote from the housings.

20 33. An outdoor entertainment system according to claim 32, wherein the
controller controls the volume of the sound produced by the speakers.

34. An outdoor entertainment system according to claim 29, wherein each housing includes an upper portion and a lower portion, and wherein the speakers are positioned in the respective lower portions and the lamps are positioned in the respective upper portion.

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35. An outdoor entertainment system according to claim 34, further comprising an acoustic reflector mounted in the lower portion of each housing.

36. An outdoor entertainment system according to claim 35, wherein each acoustic reflector is generally cone-shaped, and wherein each speaker is positioned above a respective acoustic reflector.

37. An outdoor entertainment system according to claim 29, further comprising a plurality of fins on each housing positioned to direct at least one of sound and light from the housing through the fins.

38. An outdoor entertainment system according to claim 29, wherein the apparatus includes a plurality of lamps that are responsive to a signal generated by the electronic controller.